WARRANTS were issued, on the 2d, for the arrest of 40 San Francisco druggists, charged with selling pills under counterfeit labels which they knew to

THE German report of England's backdown in the matter of the opening of the Ta-Lien-Wan as a free port is denied by English, Russian and Chinese authorities.

Ox the 4th the president sent to the senate the name of Ethan A. Hitchcock, of Missouri, now minister, to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Russia.

THOMAS L. THOMPSON, ex-United States minister to Brazil, committed suicide at Santa Rosa, Cal., on the 1st, by cutting his throat. Despondency is supposed to have been the cause.

Hox. John W. Griggs, late governor of the state of New Jersey, who took the oath of office as attorney-general, on the 31st, entered upon the duties of his new office on the 1st. Later he attended a cabinet meeting.

SINCE the government removed the bounty from sugar the once-promising sorghum industry in Kansas has collapsed. A plant at Fort Scott, which cost \$100,000, was sold to Nebraska parties recently for \$9,000.

FAILURES during the week ended February 4, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were, for the United States, 335. against 311 for the corresponding week of 1897, and for Canada, 39, against 63 for the same week in 1897.

THE state department had not, up to the 2d, been informed by Ambassador White of the decree against the importation of American fresh fruit into Germany, and the official statement of the matter was awaited with anxiety.

Ar a mass-meeting in Wichita, Kas., on the 4th, citizens formulated an invitation to President McKinley to visit that city during the Transmississippi congress next fall. If he accepts, President Diaz of Mexico will be invited to meet him there.

Belgium in 1897 was 394,787,616 pounds, and not a mere agent of the Kentucky legislaof which 134,723,208 came to the United States. The exportation of refined acted. An executive session of three hours was sugar was 125,635,234 pounds, and of day, little business was transacted owing to this 1,162,608, known as pulverized, allbustering. came to the United States.

THE British steamer Majestic has been chartered to carry 22 locomotives to the Finland government. The locomotives are being shipped by the Baldwin works, and consist of ten passenger and twelve freight engines.

SECRETARY BLISS, on the 3d, sent to the public land committees of the senate and house a bill prepared by Col. Young, the acting superintendent of the Yellowstone national park, for an extension of the limits of that reservation by about 3,000 square miles.

THE contract has been signed for a nail plant at Guthrie, Okla., to consist of eight screws, giving a capacity of 120 tons daily. The mill will give employment to from 75 to 100 men, and will be owned and operated by the American Cotton Co., of New York.

THE Grocers' and Importers' exchange of Philadelphia, on the 1st. pounds of food supplies sent to Caba | Yukon valley. by the exchange within three weeks.

A DISPATCH from Constantinople, on the 3d, said: "Russia, France and Great Britain have agreed to insist upon the candidature of Prince George and are ready to enforce their determination should the sultan prove ob-

THE Indian office will soon issue adwertisements inviting proposals for build for the Standard Oil Co. the largerecting 60 miles of barbed-wire fence est tank ship ever constructed in this along the north line of the Pine Ridge | country. The ship will be 364 feet in reservation, S. D. The fence is con- length, 48 feet beam and 23 feet deep sidered necessary to keep out cattle and will be built to carry oil in bulk. which might otherwise stray into the reservation.

THE gold production of the Cripple Creek (Col.) district during the month of January was, in round figures, \$1,-200,000. The dividends declared by 11 mining companies operating there ers damaged. amounted to \$145,000, while fully \$75,-600 more was cleared up by mines under private ownership.

On the 2d, the Prussian minister of finance, Dr. Miguel, without warning, issued a decree, to go into effect immediately, prohibiting the importation of every kind of American fresh fruit, The decree was sent to all German ports and frontier stations, excepting Bavaria, Saxony and Wurtemburg.

Ar the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Diamond Match Co., in Chicago, on the 2d, the \$798,767 lost to assistant quartermaster general, to be port, N. H., which had been closed the stockholders of the company brigadier general. through the failure of the Moore Bros. in 1896, and carried as an asset, was erased from the books. The amount days, looking to a sensational combi- and hopes within a short time to have was taken from the surplus account.

THE monthly statement of the bureau of statistics, issued on the 28th, showed that the exports of wheat during the calendar year 1897 aggregated 109,909,328 bushels, a gain of more United States Rubber Co., at Nauga- fruit growers from great loss which than 26,000,000 bushels over 1896, and tuck, Conn., on the night of the 1st, the dry season threatened. over 44,000,000 bushels as compared practically destroyed the entire plant, IN an interview on his return to with 1895. Wheat flour, however, fell entailing a loss of more than \$700,000; Liverpool from the United States, Dr. off over 2,000,000 barrels as compared partly insured.

A RESOLUTION was introduced in the New York state senate, on the 3d, declaring that the state of New York "has been grossly misrepresented by in the wages of all their employes. Turkish troops and the peasants in fuss in that locality, and Gov. Stephens and opened a store for the sale of the men, including six volunteers, who one of its senators" (meaning Senator Marphy, who cast his vote for the Teller resolution), "thus aiding in the treasury department in Washington, hundreds of people have been killed. enunciation of principles calculated to jumped from a second-story window, foster distrust and disaster to the finanon the night of the 1st, and, failing to on the night of the last, and through cial and business interests of the kill herself, ran, almost nude, through been dropped from membership in the

all parts of the state of Pennsylvania her father had hanged himself. He are hotel-keepers. met in Philadelphia, on the 2d, under was cut down and removed to a hosthe auspices of the Business Men's pital. Both are likely to recover. league, and resolved to request John

A BLOOD-STAINED coat belonging to the sultan of Turkey's progress through Stamboul, on the 15th, the feast of the the republican nomination for gov- lington, Ia., with murdering Mrs. Ramadan. ernor as against the candidate fav- Rathburn and her daughter, was found THE funeral of the late Hon. J. P. ored by United States Senator Quay. on the 2d. There was much feeling Smith, director of the bureau of Amer-Vigorous anti-Quay resolutions were against Storms, but little probability lean republics, took place on the 7th, adopted.

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A Summary of Important Events.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 31st, the army appropriation bill, carrying \$23,243,492, and the legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill, carrying \$21.656.520, were passed, after which a brief executive session was held In the house the Teller resolution declaring

ver, was debated for five hours and rejected:

Ayes, 132; nays, 182.

lumbia appropriation bill.

In the senate, on the 1st, no business of importance was transacted in the open session. Mr. Clark (rep., Wyo.), who voted in favor of the Teller resolution, as a matter of personal privilege made a speech defending his vote and claiming that it is no way impugued his republicanism. The Hawaiian treaty was considered in secret session In the house a bill was passed authorizing the secretary of the treas- off the island of Guernsey, on the 1st, ury to purchase a suitable vessel for revenue keeled over and soon after sank. Ninecutter service on the Yukon. At 12:30 the house went into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the District of Co-

In the senate, on the 2d, the agricultural appropriation bill was read and the amendments proposed by the committee were agreed to. The greater part of the day was passed in secret session in consideration of the Hawaiian annexation treaty.... In the house the District | killed and a large number wounded. of Columbia appropriation bill was further con-sidered and passed, and the bill to provide coast defenses for the country was taken up. the entire open session. The bill was finally passed, after which a brief executive session was held In the house consideration of the fortifications appropriation bill furnished the costs are on Plew, anyway. basis for a protracted political discussion. All attempts to increase the appropriations of the bill or to amend it in any way were voted down. In the senate, on the 4th, speaking to a question of personal privilege, Senator Lindsay, o Kentucky, criticised the motives of the author | treasury, amounting to \$40,000,000. and promoters of the resolution recently passed by the legislature of Kentucky demanding his resignation as senator. He

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

ture. No business of importance was trans-

THE steamship Germania, sailing took out 960,000 ounces of silver.

A RICH strike of gold has just been made on the Boyle lease on the Lucky Gus property at Bull Hill, Col. The ore was encountered in the 180-foot level and assays \$2,000 to the ton. The vein is a six-inch streak of flourine- tiations. stained quartz and showed free gold in profuse quantities.

ADVICES from Australia tell of appalling climatic conditions in many sections of the country. The prostrations situation in large cities is simply alarm. when John Hill, of St. Louis, was

THE International Paper Co., of Cornation of all the big firms in the coun- and president of the defunct Midland try, filed articles of incorporation, on the 31st, with a capital of \$45,000,000.

foundland on the way to Alaska made its third and final shipment of reached Vancouver, B. C., on the 31st. pearance. provisions to the poor of Cuba. This | The dogs will be taken to Skaguay and | shipment made an aggregate of 130,000 | used in hauling miners' outfits in the

GERMANY, according to a special dismade free ports.

THE month of January closed with of Greece for the governorship of Crete | the government ledger. To be exact, | wrecked at Lawrence, Mich., on the

> expenditures by \$951,638,39. ROACH's shipyard at Chester, Pa. concluded a contract, on the 1st, to

1851 swept the shores of Cape Ann, Mass., and vicinity, on the 1st, causing ders, increase, \$1,012,600; deposits, inheavy loss of life, and about \$200,000 crease, \$11,343,300; circulation, decrease, property damage. More than a dozen \$76,300. least four more are lost, and many oth- National association of Chicago, a se-

of the United States navy, has been re- Prominent ministers and professors second ranking officer in the navy, are which will be upon popular subjects at the date of his retirement was sta- and be a source of general benefit. tioned in Washington as president of THE steamer Queen left Victoria, B. the examining and retiring boards.

on the 3d, from Balikesr, Asia Minor, 7th, by the Danube, with over 200 more. showed that 20 persons were killed and | Over 100 miners' licenses for the Yukon 50 injured by the recent earthquake at district were issued on the 5th, and althat place and in Brusa.

THE senate, on the 3d, confirmed the lector of customs at Victoria. nomination of Col. M. L. Ludington,

been going on in the senate for several company started in with 150 employes nation of the friends of both Hawaii another hundred men at work. and Cuba, with the object in view of REPORTS from all sections of Caliprecipitating a crisis on both ques- fornia, received at San Francisco on

story of the reclaiming plant of the benefit and will save the farmers and

mines on the Gogebic range, in Wis- charged it ought to have paid better. consin. and employing 1,500 men, has A DISPATCH from Athens says sanannounced an increase of ten per cent. guinary conflicts continue between the

LUCY TAYLOR, the 20-year-old daugh- Thessaly. It is reported that the Turks has ordered an ivestigation. ter of Walter Taylor, a clerk in the have ransacked several villages and the streets. It was half an hour be- Modern Woodmen of America lodge A conference of business men from fore she was found, during which time because of their calling. Two of them

of trouble.

A. P. WILDER, a prominent railroad man, and superintendent of the Missouri and Kansas Car Service association, died at Topeka, Kas., on the 3d, from Bright's disease, aged 66. He was for many years car accountant of the Santa Fe.

ALL New York is guessing how Cashier William J. Quinlan, Jr., of the Chemical national bank of New York city, came to loan Francis Cato Grable and John S. Silver, promoters, \$395,000 without security and without consulting the directors. The most charitable construction placed upon the affair is that Quinlan was hypnotized.

On the 3d, the president nominated Walter S. Viele, of Indiana, to be surveyor of customs at the port of Evansville, Ind.

IMPORTANT information as to the success of the Spanish schemes for autonomy in Cuba has been received in Washington. Mr. Atkins, of Boston, who is the most prominent American grower of sugar on the island, has written to Consul General Lee expressing the opinion that there is no im mediate prospect of peace.

WORD reached Great Falls, Mont., on the 3d, of a pitched battle between the bonds of the United States payable in sil- cowboys and cattle thieves west of Glasgow, near the Dakota line. One of the thieves was reported dead, and the cowboys were in pursuit of the other members of the gang, who had crossed into Dakota.

THE British steamer Channel Queen. plying between Plymouth and the Channel islands, struck on Neir Rocher, teen lives are said to have been lost.

ONE of the most important engagements of the present campaign in Cuba was fought recently near Caiman, between the forces under Gen. Luque and the insurgents under Gen. Garcia. The Spanish loss is reported at 150

AT Farmersburg, Ind., Bill Zinch sued Jack Plew for \$10,000 damages for In the senate, on the 3d, consideration of the alienating Mrs. Zinch's affections. agricultural appropriation bill occupied almost | The jury that tried the case thought the affections were worth just \$1, even after hearing 40 witnesses testify. The

THE cost to Spain of the Cuban war from February, 1895, to the end of 1897 is officially estimated at \$240,000,000 besides the arrears due from the Cuban

Two LARGE expeditions carrying arms and munitions for the Cuban insurclaimed to be a senator of the whole people of gents are reported to have got safely THE total exports of raw sugar from Kentucky with a duty to the whole country, away from the shores of New Jersey, and are supposed to have landed ere this on Cuban soil.

Ex-Empress Eugenie of France, who has for some time been a martyr to inin such a precarious condition that the | books of the state auditor. end can not be far off

D. W. BUSHYHEAD, One and a general cargo from Philadelphia from New York for Europe, on the 2d, prominent Cherokees, died at Tahlequah, L. T., on the 4th, of Bright's disease. He was 75 years old, and had in turn filled every office in the nation. He was a member of the recent Dawes commission on the part of the Cherokee nation, and was favorable to nego-

ARCHIBALD McLaren was arrested at Cleveland, O., on the 4th, on the charge of appropriating to his own use \$15,000 belonging to the order of Scottish Clans, of which he was treasfrom heat are so numerous that the urer. The shortage was discovered elected to succeed him.

FRANK D. JOHNSON, William H. Johninth, Saratoga county, N. Y., a combison and C. A. Sharp, manager, cashier state bank, were held for trial in the district court at Omaha, Neb., on the A CAB load of trained dogs from New- 4th, on a charge of fraudulent banking. They gave bail in \$2,000 each for ap-

Gov. HASTINGS of Pennsylvania granted a pardon, on the 4th, to exity Attorney Wm. Moreland, of Pittsburgh, who is serving three years in patch from Shanghai, has demanded the western penitentiary for embezthat Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan be | zlement. Mr. Moreland's health is pre-

TRAIN No. 3 on the South Haven & nearly \$1,000,000 on the right side of | Easton narrow guage railroad, was

were injured. LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE weekly statement of the New York city associated banks for the week ended on the 5th showed the following changes: Surplus reserve, de-THE most violent storm known since crease, \$827,825; loans, increase, \$7,994.-100; specie, increase, \$995,400; legal ten-

vessels went ashore near Gloucester, at UNDER the auspices of the Swedish ries of free lectures will be begun in LESTER A. BEARDSLEE, rear admiral | that city the latter part of February. tired on account of age. He was the will be invited to deliver the talks.

C., on the 6th, with over 500 miners for DETAILS received in Constantinople, the Yukon. She was followed, on the most as many on the 6th, by the col-

THE Winthrop knitting mills at Lakedown for several months, resumed Quier negotiations are said to have operations, on the 7th, on full time. The

the 6th, show general rains through-A FIRE which broke out in the fourth out the state. It will prove of great

Nansen, the arctic explorer, is quoted THE Carnegie-Oliver Mining Co., as saying that lecturing in America is operating four of the largest iron as bad as exploring. At the price he

EXTRAORDINARY measures of precaution are being taken in anticipation of

the rest of the day. from his home in Urbana, O.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Judge Eldridge Burden. Judge Eldridge Burden, Lafayette county's oldest citizen, passed away in Lexington, at the residence of his son, John E. Burden, from paralysis.

He was born in Nicholas county, Ky., December 28, 1802, and had resided in Lexington since 1833. He was Lexington's first mayor; was president of the first state bank for 15 years; president of the State Horticultural society for 12 years; was probate judge, and for eight terday, after notifying them of his inyears was a member of the state legislature, during which time, through his efforts, the old law of imprisonment for debt was abolished.

Secretary of State's Report. Secretary of State Lesuer collected and paid into the state treasury for the month of January fees as follows: Notaries' commissions..... Tax on domestic corporations... 800 00 Tax on foreign corporations.... University endowment tax Bank examination fees. cording railroad contracts. Miscellaneous fees

State Treasurer Pitts has filled with Gov. Stephens his report for January, as follows: Balance on kand January 1 8 649,005 19 ceipts during January Disbursements during January... Balance on hand January 31..... enitentiary earnings ... 19,583 36 ceipts from lunatic asylum No. 1.

Receipts from lunatic asylum No. 2. Receipts from lunatic asylum No. 3.

State Treasurer's Report.

Crushed Into a Shapeless Mass. William Thornton, a miner, was crushed into a shapeless mass by an immense bowlder falling upon him in the Bonanza mine, at Aurora. The rock weighed between four and five tons. and fell from the roof of the drift and caught.

Thorton before he could get away. It was some

time before the bowlder could be rolled off the

man's mangled remains. Thornton was 49

years old, and leaves a widow and several chil-Punished for Wife Abandonment. A jury in the St. Louis county circuit court at Clayton convicted Newton Aubuchon, a scion of one of the largest and most prominent old French families of Florissant, of wife abandonment, and assassed his punishment at

six months in the county jail and a Off for the Klondike. Peter Busch, son of Adolphus Busch,

the St. Louis brewer, has left for the Klondike, in search of adventure and, incidentally, gold. He and his companions have one of the most perfect outlits that the experience of others could suggest and money purchase. The State's Treasury.

Gov. Stephens found, after a complete and thorough examination of the condition of the state treasury, that there was \$1,162,380.40 in the treasury in all funds-just 2 cents more than should flammatory rheumatism, is said to be have been found there according to the

A New Military Company. Another military company is to be organized in St. Joseph. Adjutant-General Bell has issued special orders directing Col. Joseph A. Corby, Fourth regiment, N. G. M., to muster a company, to be designated Co. C, into the service of the state.

Killed by a Train.

The body of Archie Johnson, colored, of Sedalia, was found by Section Foreman Peterson alongside the Missouri Pacific track, one mile east of Lamonte. Johnson is supposed to have been killed by a Missouri Pacific train. Died at Eighty-Four.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, aged 84 years, lied recently at the home of her son-inlaw, Jesse Benton, four miles east of Moberly. Mrs. Brooks was one of the that the measure will be taken from sit, as its terms indicated, the shippers pioneers of Randolph county, having the speaker's table as soon as the lived there for over fifty years.

Granted Leave of Absence. The Missouri university has just established a department of sanitary engineering, and in view of this fact, Prof. H. C. Cory has been granted leave of absence until next September to study the subject in Europe.

The State University. The second semester of the state university opened with an attendance of

589, which is an increased enrollment over the first semester and is considerthe receipts for the month exceed the 4th, and at least half a dozen persons bly larger than last year's enrollment. Charged with Bigamy.

Wm. Steele, a section foreman on the Sedalia, Warsaw & Southwestern railway, was arrested at Lincoln, charged with bigamy, and was committed to the Benton county jail at Warsaw.

Wanted More Money. Abraham Epstein, aged 20, a St. Louis butcher, who was not making money fast enough, in his opinion, went to bed, pulled the covers over his head, and shot himself to death.

Held for Murder.

At the preliminary examination Michael Alley, of Plattsburg, was held for murder in the first degree. Alley struck James Belk, of Grover, recently with an ax, causing death.

Dragged to Death. Valentine Maslinski, aged 60 years, a laborer employed by the St. Joseph Terminal Railroad Co., was dragged to death by a Burlington freight train in

New Post Office. A post office has been established at Shiel, Ralls county, and George H. Engle has been appointed postmaster.

Caused By a Pin. Joseph W. Lambert, a young man well known in St. Louis, swallowed a pin, which caused appendicitis. He underwent an operation, but died. For Department Commander.

John W. Scott, of Moberly, has been indorsed for the position of department Death of the Well-Known Philadelphia commander of the Missouri G. A. E. by Lincoln Post, No. 5, of Moberly. Stock Growers to Organize. The stockmen of Missouri will meet

in St. Joseph April 12 to organize a Mate association. Delegates from all over the state are expected. It Raised a Fuss. The discharge of Supt. Carson of the

Fred Urfer, a trusted clerk in a St.

organs. Because He Was Short. Emmett Rogers, ex-treasurer Ridgely lodge, No. 435, L. O. O. F., Kansas City, committed suicide by shooting. because he was short \$850. Trusted Clerk Goes Wrong.

Louis jewelry store, confesses that he stole \$5,000 worth of his employer's property. He was jailed. Forgot Baby. A St. Louis woman, engrossed in thopping, laid her baby down in a big retail store and forgot all about it for

RETURNED TO PRISON.

Singular Conduct of an Escaped Murderer-Cut His Way to Freedom From Jail-Went Home to Visit His Mother and Sister, and Then Secured a Constable to Escort Him Back to Prison.

FORT SCOTT, Kas., Feb. 5 .- A murderer under sentence to behanged, who had escaped to a point 100 miles from his nearest pursuer, voluntarily surrendered to the authorities here yestention by long-distance telephone. The convict was George W. Finch, of Kansas City, who followed young Frank Swofford here from Paola, Kas., and murdered him for a few dollars, hiding the body in the bushes.

Yesterday Finch called up Sheriff. Wheeler by telephone from Lamont, Mo, and said he would be here on the evening train to help mend the prison bars that he had broken. Finch escaped from the combined

federal and state prison here on Tues-..18,521 15 day last in company with seven other prisoners. He says he rode from here to Kansas City on a freight train; that he lodged near police headquarters there Tuesday night and that the next day he went to visit his mother and sister on a farm near Lamont. From the day of his arrest they had not visited him, and he said his one ambition was to see them again. After staying over night with them

he went to Lamont and asked a constable to accompany him back to prison. It was then that he called up Wheeler and gave notice of his coming. Sheriff Wheeler thought Finch was bantering, and wired the officer at Lamont to hold him. However, when the Memphis train came in last night from Lamont the sheriff and 300 citizens were there to receive the convict While they were waiting the murderer arrived on another railroad and, smoking a cigar, he walked with his escort, the Lamont constable, leisurely up the street to the prison door.

A BAD WRECK.

Several Persons Injured in a Wreck in Michigan.

LAWRENCE, Mich., Feb. 5 .- Train No. 3 on the South Haven & Eastern narrow guage railroad, was wrecked here and at least a half dozen people were | doubt that this government would give injured. It was the first train through | the matter serious consideration. since Wednesday noon, and left here at 8:40 a. m. A quarter of a mile from the station the snow plow jumped the tiations now going on as to the foretrack and was piled into by the two locomotives which drew the train and railroad and it was decided that the the two coaches.

THE INJURED. General Manager M. V. Meredith,

face badly burned. Brakeman Lew Berhans, face burned, and may be internally injured. Chief Engineer G. Grew, legs hurt.

C. V. Bangs, Lake Cora; left foot Charles Mill, Paw Paw; left leg badly hurt and face burned. The other passengers escaped injury. hadly damaged.

THE IMMIGRATION BILL.

Consideration. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 -The friends of satisfactory. the immigration bill are hopeful of se-

military academy appropriation bill demnity from the Prussian governit will pass by a considerable them, and it would be regarded by the majority after two or three days' United States government as a matter organizing an oppositiou on the republican side of the chamber, and with this element will co-operate most of the minority members. Chairman Danford hopes to have the bill passed as it came from the senate, with the single change of making the educational test

include both reading and writing.

TO BE AMBASSADOR. ment's report on the San Jose shield

The Rank of Our Representative in Rus-Kotzebue, will come to Washington as fornia pears arriving at Haman ambassador. Recently the Russian burg numerous living, breeding mission be raised to an embassy. This government readily assented, and He consequently expressed the opin-Ethan Allen Hitchcock, of St. Louis, ion that the home fruit cultivation minister to Russia, will soon be an am-

Ethan A. Hitchcock Nominated Ambassa dor to Russia. WASHINTGON, Feb. b.-The president sent to the senate the name of Ethan A. Hitchcock, of Missouri, now minister, to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to

AMERICAN HORSES NEXT.

Germany Seeking a Pretext to Shut Out Our Equines. BERLIN, Feb. 5 .- Baron Von Himmerstein-Loxten, the minister of agricul- tection to the home fruit industry from ture, at the session of the Prussian diet, declared that American horses developed influenza after importation.

He said: "If the importations increase we ample of the danger of not adopting shall certainly be forced to adopt a immediate protective measures, while suitable quarantine in order to protect | the Colorado bug, it is added, has been

ELI MANSFIELD BRUCE.

Piano and Organ Man. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.-Eli Mansfield

Wife Murder by a Mexican Cattle Man. BENSON, Ariz., Feb. 5 .- Joseph Lopez, a Mexican cattle man, murdered his wife at the little settlement of Bedington, north of this point on the tion in Havana in the course of a few San Pedro river, cutting open her head days. It was not the purpose of the

the body in his insane frenzy. Sailing of the Brooklyn. NEW YORK, Feb. 5 .- The big armored about 8 a. m. on her way to sea to begin her cruise of the West Indies. She first goes to Newport News for a sup- such a climate probably will be seut to ply of coal.

SERIOUS QUESTIONS.

Matters Considered at the Meeting of the Cabinet - German Prohibition of Our Fruits, and the Subsequent Modification of the Original Decree the subjeck of Especial Interest Taxen Up.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.-A number of Timely Relief for the Starving-Two Hontopics were discussed at yesterday's

cabinet meeting. The decree of the German government relative to American fruit was talked over and figures were produced to show the great importance of the trade put in jeopardy by this sudden and unprecedented action on the part of Germany. The modification of the decree made known by the latest advices from Ambassador White was taken as an evidence that the matter is still subject to diplomatic adjustment.

Secretary Wilson stated, in the course of the discussion over Germany's action, that it was undoubtedly true that certain well-known fruit diseases could be carried on the fruit itself, and thus the infection could be communicated to healthy trees at a great distance. It was explained that certain states in the Union, in times | the insurgents said about accepting the past, had, prohibited the bringing within their borders of particular kinds of fruit from infected sections in other states. The action of Prussia, therefore, might be entirely proper and clearly within their right.

Neither the president nor any of the members of the cabinet were disturbed by the incident, or disposed to prejudge the case in the ausence of definite information.

Secretary Wilson understood, he said, that the total exportations of fruits to Germany during the last year amounted to only about \$1,000,000; but during the last five or six years American fruit had grown in favor quite rapidly in that country, and the indications had been that within the next few years the exportations would have aggregated several millions of dollars. Ambassador White's report will be

awaited with interest, and should it appear that Prussia's action was prompted by a spirit of retaination for losses sustained by reason of the discriminating duty placed upon German sugars, or for other reasons, there is no The attorney general made known

to the cabinet the state of the negoclosure and sale of the Kansas Pacific outlook was very favorable for the government interests.

FRUIT EXCLUSION ORDER

Promptly Modified by the Prusslan Government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.- The state deartment has been notified by Ambassador White, at Berlin, of the modification of the original decree issued by the Prussian minister of finance, Dr. One engine was ruined, and the other | Miquel, prohibiting the importation of American fruits. According to the ambssador's cable yesterday the decree does not, as he advised Thursday, apply to dried fruits, while fresh fruit Friends of the Measure Hopeful of Early will be admitted to an entry if an examination shows its condition to be

If this modification has been made curing its consideration early next in the decree it would appear that the week. At the same time a feeling has prompt representations made by the arisen of late that it is inexpedient to United States have received an equally press the question further during the prompt consideration on the other present session of congress, owing to the side. It is certain that if the decree, political antagonisms it would arouse. as originally promulgated, had been The prevailing sentiment, however, is applied to shipments of fruit in tranwould have had a right to claim inis out of the way, and that ment for the damages sustained by discussion. Representative Mehaney is of duty to sustain this demand for in-

demnity. THE OTHER SIDE OF IT. A German Statement as to Why American

Fruits Are Excluded. BERLIN, Feb. 5.-The Reichsanzeiger yesterday afternoon published the following: "The American agricultural depart-

louse led to an official inquiry here as to the circumstances under which WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 .- Count Cassini, American fruit is imported. Prof. recently appointed to succeed Minister Frank, on January 29, found on Caligovernment asked that the American shield lice, absolutely identica! with the true San Jose Shield louse. was exposed to a grave material danger thereby. A conference of the other specialists and the reports of the imperial office of health confirmed this view in every particular. Thus the necessity for prompt measures for

> protection was fully demonstrated." The Reichsanzeiger then describes the "extraordinary harmfulness" of the San Jose louse, according to publications of the Washington agricultural department and the measures taken in America, notably in Oregon and British Columbia, and continues: "It is thus the unavoidable duty of the government to give efficacious pro-

the danger of disease here." The Reichsanzeiger then gives the regulations adopted, and concludes with pointing out phylloxers as an exkept out by timely precautions.

FOUGHT FOR MONEY.

When His Salary Stopped Surrendered to

the Spanish. HAVANA, Feb. 5. - Advices from Bruce, of the piano and organ firm of Gibra, province of Santiago de Cuba, Estey & Bruce, died Thursday night, say that an American who has been suddenly, at his home in this city, serving with the insurgents as captain in his seventy-fourth year. Mr. of artillery and who had \$5,000 in a Bruce was born in Wilmington, belt, surrendered to the Spanish Vt. In 1857 he united with the late authorities yesterday. It is added that Deacon Estey in the manufacture and the captain took this step because the sale of the Estey organ, and in the insurgents had failed to pay up.

St. Joseph fish hatchery has raised a winter of 1858-59 he came to this city | The insurgents have captured 14 were bathing in the river near Gibra. The Maine Will be Succeeded by the Marblehead or Detroit.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.-The battleship Maine will be relieved from her stawith an ax and almost dismembering navy department to keep the ship there for any length of time when she was ordered across the strait, and it is felt that the ship's crew must feel uncomfortable lying close aboard ship in cruiser Brooklyn left the navy yard the harbor of Havana. The Marblehead or the Detroit, which are better adapted to comfortable existence in relieve the latter.

A RESPONSE FROM CUBA.

American Citizens.

dred Thousand Cuban Corpses Stand Between Spain and Success of

Autonomy for Pacification.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Hon. Charles W. Kussell, assistant United States attorney in the department of justice, has received the following letter, acknowledging the receipt of a New York draft mailed to United States Consul Barker at Sagua le Grande, Cuba, whose district of Las Villas embraces Santa Clara, the capital of the province of that name, San Domingo, Remedios and another city in the same province,

in the eastern part of the island. In explanation of his estimate of the number of deaths from starvation up to the time of his recent visit-viz. 200,-000-Mr. Russell says that he got that number from the common talk in Cuba. For instance he asked a Cuban what offer of autonomy, and the answer wasthat Spain had put 200,000 corpses between her and them, referring evidently to the reconcentrados. The letter follows:

"It is with unfeigned pleasure, as well as inexpressible gratitude for your valued favor of the 19th, in transmitting \$68, United States currency, as a donation to the dispensario, a charitable institution to care for the destitute and sick children of this city, contributed, as you say, by 'certain employes' of your department.

"I must tell you and the other good souls contributing that the remittance was most timely, as their exchequer was empty and, as one remarked when this relief was made known, 'we had God and only God, to look to, in order that our treasury be replenished. To God and those charitable Americans are due our thanks."

"Mrs. S., of Boston, has notified me that she has sent to my address a case of condensed milk for the same purpose as also for the 'Remnants of families of reconcentrados in an old warehouse of whom I have heard.' I assume it was you who called her attention to these poor starving outcasts.' After speaking of the good done by Mr. Russell's visit to Cuba, the letter

proceeds: "Up to date my district has received nothing of the relief sent by our people except through your thoughtful remembrance.

"Of course Consul-General Lee has not, nor will he ever, in my humble judgment, have sufficient contributions sent to Havana to share with us, so remote and inaccessible in transporting supplies. In view of this, contributions-like yours-in money, will aid in saving thousands who must die without sustenance and medicine immediately furnished. For instance, this remittance from the generous employes in your department will prove more beneficial than ten times that sum 30 days hence. "I have certificates signed by the

alcaldes of the principal cities and towns in my districts showing that my estimate of 50,000 perishing souls was under rather than above the mark. "To my mind and to all Christian people there is but one, solely one, issue in this Cuban question, viz. des-

quo is as when you left-save the destitution grows and the death rate increases hourly. "I-not the authorities-have selected and named agents composed of women as well as men who will distribute all

titution and starvation. The status

contributions received and render needed relief to all the destitute. "Say to the generous people of America who have never turned a deaf ear to the cry of the distressed, whether at home or in a foreign land, to send us food, medicine and clothing for the

THEIR MISSION IN CUBA.

To Establish the New Regime, Prepare for the Elections, Etc. HAVANA, Feb. 7.-Senor Calvaz says there is no disagreement among the ministers, nor anything in the nature of a crisis. On the contrary, all the ministers understand their programme and mission, which he sums up as "to establish the new regime, to prepare

for the elections and to constitute a. chamber of deputies." Under no conditions, declares Senor Calvaz, is it the mission of members of the cabinet to address the insurgents. officially, or to negotiate for peace unless they should have a guarantee as to the outcome of their efforts. Nevertheless the members of the cabinet, in their unofficial capacity, will do all in their power to smooth the pathway, and will contribute to all private efforts to

bring about a favorable issue. Senor Calvaz says the cabinet is expecting favorable news from the province of Santa Clara, and assucance that Gen. Maximo Gomez retired across the trocha into the Camaguev district, owing to lack of support and "the conflicting opinions that distract the insurgents in eastern Cuba," Peace will come, he declares, by the

"Combined action of arms and politics," but it absolutely necessary to demonstrate the efficiency of Spanish arms at .. the same time that the beneficial influence of the new regime are being-

The French cruiser Dubordieu arrived here yesterday.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING. A ton of coal yields almost 10,000 feet of gas. The only civilized country which does

not grant patents on inventions is:

Switzerland. On May 10, 1893, a passenger train on the New York Central railroad made a few miles at the rate of 1121/2 miles an. The largest room in the world under-

one roof, and unbroken by pillars, isat St. Petersburg. It is 620 feet long by 120 feet in breadth. Lately an olive tree was carelessly

destroyed near Nice, which had a positive record of five centuries, and measured 36 feet in circumference. "Before the war you could tell the

different grades of society in North Carolina by the very easy test of pronunciation of a single word," said Mr. George T. Ambrose. "If a man belonged to the upper or patrician order, he always said 'persimmons;' if of the middle class 'simmons,' and one of the poor white trash, he said 'simmonses.' By this simple criterion could the student of caste distinctions in that part of the old south tell with accuracy to what . social status each native belonged."